



The Starting Place

*Washington State Law Library's
quarterly e-newsletter*

Serving the legal information needs of the citizens of Washington State

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Governor Stevens, the Secretary of State and the State Law Library

2011 is the 150th anniversary of the start of the U.S. Civil War. [Displays](#) at the Secretary of State's office tell the story of Washington's first territorial governor, Isaac Ingalls Stevens, from his Massachusetts birth in 1818 to his 1862 death at age 44 while fighting the Civil War.

The State Law Library's companion display tells Steven's impact on the Law Library. In 1853 Governor Stevens traveled to New York to purchase books for the State Library. The 2,852 books became known as the Territorial Collection. They were shipped around Cape Horn, arriving at Olympia in February, 1854. The State Law Library separated from the State Library in 1959. The legal portion of the Territorial Collection, over 1200 volumes, was the foundation of the Law Library.

Today's Law Library collection, a current legal and historical resource, continues to serve the State, Courts and its citizens with new technology and services such as the computer center in

the Periodical Reading Room. The State Law Library offers multiple online databases for patrons needing current and historical U.S. and other state materials, periodicals and treatises including Washington State Bar treatises.

If the material needed is available electronically, a patron can contact the library and request a copy to be emailed

generally at no cost. The Interlibrary Loan department has the ability to borrow materials from other libraries. This service supplements what the Law Library currently does not maintain.



Territorial Governor
Isaac Stevens

Inside the beautiful Temple of Justice resides an extensive collection of microfiche, audio and video materials, a capable and friendly staff. Patrons can use the library in person, or through email, live chat, fax, or telephone.

Whether you want to research Gov. Stevens, Washington Territory or current and historical statutes/issues, the Washington State Law

Library has the information you need..

The Display Case

Currently on display in the Main Reading Room from the Territorial Collection are: Commentaries on the Laws of England by Sir Wm. Blackstone, Venerian Prof. of Law and Solicitor General to Her Majesty, Clarendon Press, 1766-1769. Note: Vol. 3 & 4 are first editions.

Celebrated Trials and Remarkable Cases of Criminal Jurisprudence from the Earliest Records to the Year

Laws of the State of NY Comprising the Constitution & the Acts of Legislature since the Revolution from the First to the Twelfth session, inclusive, printed by Hugh Gaine, 1789.

The barrister bookcases in the Main Reading Room contain many other territorial treatises such as Commentaries on American Law, 1844; Moore's East Indian Appeal Cases, 1836-1847; and Lives of the Chancellors and Keepers of the Great Seal of England, v1-7, 1846.

Farewell

Dawn Kendrick Gibb, Head Reference Librarian for the Washington State Law Library, will be leaving state service at the end of June to spend more time with her grandchildren.



A native of Framingham, Massachusetts, Dawn came to the Washington State Law Library upon the completion of her Masters in Library Science from Brigham Young University in 1990. During her almost 21 years at the Law Library—first as assistant reference librarian—Dawn has selflessly carried out the library's mission. She has also been active in state and national professional organizations including the American Association of Law Librarians (AALL), the Western and Pacific chapter of AALL, and Law Librarians of Puget Sound where she is currently the Grants Committee Chair.

From everyone at the Law Library: Our sincere thanks for your years of dedicated service, and our very best wishes as you move on. We'll miss you!

What's not available online?

Many Washington legal resources are unavailable online. The Laws of Washington Territory (1854-1887) and most of the Laws of Washington (1889-1979), many volumes of the early Washington statutes - Ballinger's Code, Hill's Code, Pierce's Code, Remington's Revised Statutes of Washington - Revised Code of Washington (pre 2002), Washington Administrative Code (pre 2003), Washington House and Senate Journals (pre 2005), Washington Legislative Bill Books, and Washington Supreme and Appellate Briefs (pre June 2006) - are examples of materials unavailable except in paper.

New Books

[The Bitter Waters of Medicine Creek: A Tragic Clash Between White and Native America](#), by Richard Kluger. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011.
Call # E99.N74 K55 2011

[20 Years in Sentencing: A Look at Washington State Adult Felony Sentencing Fiscal Years 1989 to 2008](#). State of Washington Sentencing Guidelines Commission, 2010.
Call # KF9685.S4512 2010

[Freedom For the Thought That We Hate: A Biography of the First Amendment](#), by Anthony Lewis. New York : Basic Books, c2007.
Call # KF4770 .L49 2007

Thank You!!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters who contacted their legislators on our behalf. The Law Library staff is still hard at work serving it's citizens thanks to your letters and phone calls.

TREASURES

Territorial and Washington 1st briefs; a 42 volume limited set of World War II war trial transcripts and documents set; a one-of-a-kind album of United States Constitution signers; New England laws and cases from colony times, and the Laws of England from the 16th and 17th Century are a few of the treasures at the Law Library.

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